

## Improving Solihull's environment through corporate volunteering Royal Haskoning



Meriden Duck Pond



Conkers Lane Clean-up

### Overview

Through their commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR), Royal Haskoning worked in partnership with the Environmental Champions Programme at Solihull Council to offer their employees the opportunity to help tackle local environmental issues. Royal Haskoning volunteers have undertaken two community environmental improvement projects identified by the local community.

### Environmental improvements around Meriden Duck Pond

Highlighted as a priority by the residents of Meriden, volunteers from Royal Haskoning carried out environmental improvements around Meriden Duck Pond. The general environment around the pond was in a poor condition as with unsightly vegetation growth, nettles and dirty park benches making the area unpleasant for young children and visitors. The team removed nettles from around the fence boundary and pond banks using gardening equipment, clearing and cutting back overgrown vegetation. They also cleaned the park benches and Parish Council notice board.

### Watercourse clearance Conkers Lane

Build up of debris and siltation of a watercourse at Conkers Lane, Balsall Common was identified by local residents as a priority due to the risk of flooding. Debris included large amounts of vegetation and silt, along with domestic waste. Volunteers from Royal Haskoning used hand tools to clear debris upstream of the trash screen and to clear and cut back vegetation from the surrounding banks.

### Benefits

- Utilising the skills and enthusiasm of the Royal Haskoning Solihull team to help the local community
- Developing community partnerships, providing the company with a clear demonstration of their commitment to helping the local community in which they operate
- Building positive links with the Environmental Champions at Solihull Council
- Encourage employees to participate in a team building exercise, improving team working within the company
- Building a committed workforce by increasing employee job satisfaction, improving retention rates

"The projects were a huge success. We worked well with Trish and the team from Solihull Council. We will continue to support the Environmental Champions scheme in the future." *Laura Sanderson, Royal Haskoning*

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